



Pacific Women Climate Leaders
August 18-28, 2013
Washington, D.C., and additional cities
Deadline June 20, 2013

The U.S. State Department Office of Global Women's Issues and Office of International Visitors are pleased to announce a special opportunity for a ten-day voluntary visitor program to promote women's leadership roles in addressing climate change, increasing energy access and advancing sustainable development. This project will bring together a diverse cross-section of ten women climate and environment leaders from the Pacific region. The visit will allow these women leaders to network with one another, learn about innovative efforts to address climate change and advance sustainable development.

Specific objectives designed to accomplish these goals include:

- Expose participants to senior women policy-makers and businesswomen in the climate space.
- Explore innovative business models and technologies for addressing sustainability and climate change
- Develop ideas for further engaging women in addressing sustainable development and climate change
- Expose visitors to the variety of new media and social networking tools

Program

The program will open in Washington, D.C., and will include travel to two other cities during the ten-day project. Participants will meet with interlocutors from civil society organizations, government representatives at the federal state, and local levels, think tanks, academia, and the private sector, depending on their areas of interest. Participants will then disperse throughout the U.S. to meet with leaders in their chosen fields of focus. They will reconvene at the end of the program to share lessons learned and to identify ideas for further advancing women's role in advancing sustainable development and addressing climate change.

Funding

International round-trip airfare and related expenses (in-country transportation expenses, e.g., taxis, hotel accommodations if direct flights are not available), as well as incoming and outgoing travel allowances, will be covered. Participants will be provided per diem in the United States, group ground transportation, English language officers (ELOS), cultural funds, and domestic travel. Participants should arrive in Washington, D.C., on August 18, 2013. Arrangements will be made for all participants to be met upon arrival in Washington, D.C. Departures should be scheduled from the closing city (TBD) on August 28, 2013.

Those interested should send a brief (not to exceed 350 words) statement of interest, including how their particular background and experience makes them an ideal candidate for this program.

Statements should be sent to majuropd@state.gov no later than June 20th.